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National Goals Inquiry

Wriston Board Expected to Meet Scheduled Dec. 12 Date
 Will Publish Findings in Form Easily Available to Public

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Wriston went to work so enthusiastically to root out any such preoccupation that it became necessary for realism's

sake, to put some Communist challenge back into the context. In the end, it is felt, the perspective came out just about right.

Dr. Wriston, affectionately referred to by his associates as "our leader," is recognized by them as being an extremely conservative man who makes no bones about it. But he is impressive to them also as a man who, when he sees a task that has to be done, is quite ready to excuse himself temporarily from the pleasant company of cherished doctrine and stir up some action.

The staff studies are going on partly in Washington, where William P. Bundy on leave from the Central Intelligence Agency is directing them. Dr. Wriston who will be 71 tomorrow is currently contemplating his task at Marston's Mills on Cape Cod. At some point he and his commission colleagues will wade into the material and start formulating their report.

There is available here an outline of the topics for the staff studies. While it is in no sense definitive as to what will be in the final report, it is an acceptable guide to the way the work has been divided up.

Excluding some accompanying notes, the bare topic headings go like this:

- I. FUNDAMENTAL GOALS
 - 1 The Individual
 - 2 The Democratic Process
 - 3 The Role of the U.S. in the World
- II. GOALS IN CRITICAL AREAS
 - 4 Education
 - 5 Science
 - 6 The Quality and Variety of American Life

and staff conclusions which will have inevitably generated dissents. Those dissents will be noted but not published as part of the volume. Presumably they would be available to those who wished to track them down.

Writes Own Report

While the signed articles will represent staff studies, and will themselves present the conclusions drawn from those studies by the individual essayist, it is stressed that the commission itself very definitely intends to write its own report. It will probably, not just possibly, dissent or some points from the signed articles.

It is quite likely that the volume will be lively with dissent. In the commission, which has 11 members including the chairman, the ground rules from the beginning have enthusiastically embraced the principle of dissent. To take two examples, James Conant, former president of Harvard, and Learned Hand, retired federal circuit judge, both find legitimate dissent exhilarating.

There is, however, no determination to confuse the public by excessive diversity of opinion. While dissenting opinions within the commission will be published in connection with its report, the accompanying signed articles will reflect intensive staff studies

in a somewhat calmer perspective.

A Perspective on Needs

White House statement

When the commission was

named, and

The Commission undoubtedly will want

to consider, now, within a

framework of free decision

making, our economy can best

be developed to meet the Com-

munist challenge and simulta-

neously progress toward es-

tablished goals.

This was a new component

of the concept of the com-

mission, it may be recalled,

initiated with the President at

all, but within the White

House staff. At any rate, Dr.

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National Goal Chart

President Eisenhower's Commission on National Goals—suggested in his '59 State of the Union message and appointed only last February—plans to submit its final report next December. The report is being financed by private foundations, not tax money. It will be non-political, non-partisan.

Timing is intended to keep it out of the political campaign.

There is no plan yet to associate the next president with the report. But Nixon, Kennedy and others are kept informed on progress.

The 11-man commission headed by Henry M. Wriston, former president of Brown University, now president of American Assembly, has held two meetings in New York to organize and outline procedure.

Under the commission's staff director William P. Bundy, former Central Intelligence Agency official, a group of 15 recognized authorities has been recruited to write a 15-chapter background book.

Names of the experts and subjects are being withheld for the present, but subjects will include:

Foreign and defense policy with full emphasis on the Communist menace, science, economic growth, labor, management, urban and farm problems, government, education, cultural values, human needs, the demo-

cratic process, individual rights and possibly, long-term programs.

Each writer will have an advisory panel to give him various points of view. There'll be no public hearings in which pressure groups can air their causes.

The assignment given the commission by Eisenhower is to "develop a broad outline of co-ordinated national policies and programs for the next decade and beyond."

There is no present intention to write a new Declaration of Independence, an answer to the Communist manifesto nor a "Goals for America" for school children to recite.

It is hoped that the report will be useful abroad, particularly in developing countries, as a statement of American purposes and principles. But it will not be a handbook for conduct of their governmental affairs.

It will be addressed primarily to the American people. The emphasis will be on individual action—what the average citizen can do.

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